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VII. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Name & Address including county)
or Third-Party, Counterclaim or Cross-Claim Plaintiffs
 The plaintiff is a prisoner in a local, state or federal facility.

Blake Harwood
63 Middle Street
Hallowell (Kennebec) ME 04347

(b) Attorneys (Name, Bar number, Firm name, Address, Telephone Number) If all counsel listed do NOT represent all plaintiffs,
(If *pro se* plaintiff, leave blank) specify who the listed attorney(s) represent.

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Augusta, ME 04332-1051
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VIII. (a) DEFENDANTS (Name & Address including county)
and/or Third-Party, Counterclaim or Cross-Claim Defendants
 The defendant is a prisoner in a local, state or federal facility.

City of Waterville
One Common Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Brian Gardiner, individually and as Police Officer
Waterville Police Department
10 Colby Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Joseph Massey, individually and as Chief of Police
Waterville Police Department
10 Colby Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Adam Sirlos, individually and as Police Officer
Waterville Police Department
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IX. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY _____
Assigned Judge/Justice _____ Docket Number _____

Date: January 5, 2016

Stephen C. Smith
Name of Lead Attorney of Record or *Pro se* Party

Signature of Attorney or *Pro se* Party

C:

STATE OF MAINE
KENNEBEC, ss

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION
DOCKET NO.

BLAKE HARWOOD, an individual
residing in Hallowell, County of Kennebec,
State of Maine,

Plaintiff

v.

Complaint

CITY OF WATERVILLE,

JOSEPH MASSEY, in his official and
individual capacity;

BRIAN GARDINER, in his individual capacity;

ADAM SIROIS, in his individual capacity;

Defendants

NOW COMES, Plaintiff Blake Harwood, by and through his attorney, Stephen C. Smith, Esq., and hereby submits the following complaint against Brian Gardiner, et al:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Blake Harwood brings this action seeking relief for violations of his civil rights after being falsely arrested, subjected to excessive force, and malicious prosecution by the Waterville Police Department and

Officers Brian Gardiner and Adam Sirois; as result of these violations of his rights, Mr. Harwood was incarcerated, suffered physical injuries, emotional distress and fear, and incurred legal and medical expenses.

II. PARTIES

2. At all times relevant to these claims, Blake Harwood was over the age of 18 and a resident of the State of Maine.
3. At all times relevant to these claims, the City of Waterville was a municipality in the State of Maine and the employer of the defendant police officers.
4. At all times relevant to these claims, Joseph Massey was the Chief of Police for the Waterville Police Department and the final policymaker for the Waterville Police Department, and responsible for the training and supervision of the police force.
5. At all times relevant to these claims, Joseph Massey was acting under the color of law as the Chief of Police for the Waterville Police Department and is sued in his official and individual capacity.
6. At all times relevant to these claims, Brian Gardiner was a police officer for the City of Waterville and acting under the color of state law as a police officer, and is sued in his individual capacity.
7. At all times relevant to these claims, Adam Sirois was a police officer for the City of Waterville and acting under the color of state law as a police officer, and is sued in his individual capacity.

III. JURISDICTION

8. The Court has jurisdiction under 42 U.S.C. §1983, 5 M.R.S. §4681 et seq., along with the common law and statutory law of the State of Maine.

9. All incidents alleged within this complaint occurred within Kennebec County, Maine.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

10. Plaintiff Blake Harwood (hereinafter, "Plaintiff") is an individual residing in Hallowell, County of Kennebec, State of Maine.
11. Defendant Brian Gardiner (hereinafter, "Defendant Gardiner") is a police officer employed in that capacity with the city of Waterville, County of Kennebec, State of Maine.
12. Defendant Inland Hospital (hereinafter, "Defendant Inland") is a corporation with a principal place of business in Waterville, County of Kennebec, State of Maine.
13. Defendant John Doe (hereinafter, "Defendant Doe") is a currently unknown individual to the Plaintiff who is appropriately employed in the emergency room of Defendant Inland.
14. On or about August 5th, 2014, Plaintiff went to Maine General Hospital in Augusta, Maine seeking treatment for an eye infection, fungal rash, shortness of breath, dizziness and nausea.
15. While at Maine General Hospital Plaintiff was initially seen by nurse Jenna Marie Boulrissie.
16. After being maltreated by nurse Boulrissie and locked in a room at the hospital without legal authority and subsequently released. Plaintiff decided to go to Defendant Inland's facility in Waterville Maine.
17. Upon arriving at Defendant Inland's Emergency Room at approximately 9pm, Plaintiff was unable to locate anyone to assist him.
18. Feeling overwhelmed by his medical condition Plaintiff lay down on the floor of the Emergency Room.
19. John Doe, a person apparently employed by Defendant Inland in the Emergency Room found the Plaintiff.

20. Upon finding Plaintiff on the floor, Doe stated words to the effect of "If you don't get off the floor, fuck yourself".
21. Shortly after being spoken to by Doe, Defendant Gardiner and Officer Adam Sirois arrived in uniform, in his capacity as a Waterville Police Officer.
22. Immediately after arriving on the scene and, without provocation from the Plaintiff, Defendant Gardiner assaulted the Plaintiff by kicking him and kneeing him in the neck while calling him a "pussy".
23. As the Defendant's cuffed the Plaintiff, Defendant Gardiner unnecessarily tightened the handcuffs saying words to the effect of "is that tight enough pussy?"
24. In placing the Defendant in the car Defendant Gardiner threatened the Plaintiff by stating "don't cry pussy or I will mace you".
25. Defendant City of Waterville failed to adequately supervise Defendant Gardiner.
26. Defendant City of Waterville was negligent in training Defendant Gardiner.
27. Plaintiff suffered injuries to his neck and wrist as a result of Defendant's negligence.
28. Plaintiff suffered as a result of the Defendant's violation of his civil rights.
29. Plaintiff suffered injuries to his mental health.

V. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

COUNT ONE

FALSE ARREST

*(Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and Fourth Amendment of U.S.
Constitution
and 5. M.R.S. § 4682 and Article 1 § 5 of the State of Maine Constitution)*

30. The Plaintiff incorporates all previously alleged paragraphs as if alleged herein.
31. Officers Gardiner and Sirois arrested Mr. Harwood without a warrant or any probable cause to believe he committed any crime.
32. The Waterville Police Department and Joseph Massey failed to properly train and supervise Officer Gardiner and Officer Sirois in the proper procedure and determination of probably cause before making an arrest.
33. As a direct and proximate result of the false arrest, Mr. Harwood's right to be free from arrest absent probable cause was violated, and he suffered a loss of liberty, pain and suffering, physical injuries, medical expenses, legal expenses, fear and anxiety, and emotional distress.

COUNT TWO

EXCESSIVE FORCE

*(Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and Fourth Amendment of U.S.
Constitution
and 5. M.R.S. § 4682 and Article 1 § 5 of the State of Maine Constitution)*

34. The Plaintiff incorporates all previously alleged statements as if alleged herein.
35. Officer Gardiner and Officer Sirois used an excessive and unreasonable level of force against Mr. Harwood in conducting the arrest.

36. Mr. Harwood was not resisting arrest or using or threatening any physical force against the officers at any point during their encounter.
37. The Waterville Police Department and Joseph Massey failed to properly train and supervise Officer Gardiner and Officer Sirois in the proper use of force in effectuating an arrest.
38. As a direct and proximate result of the excessive use of force, Mr. Harwood's right to be free from the excessive and unreasonable use of force was violated, and he suffered a loss of liberty, pain and suffering, physical injuries, medical expenses, legal expenses, fear and anxiety, and emotional distress.

COUNT THREE

MALICIOUS PROSECUTION

(Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and Fourth Amendment of United States Constitution and Common Law of the State of Maine)

39. The Plaintiff incorporates all previously alleged statements as if alleged herein.
40. The Defendant police officers acted maliciously in charging Mr. Harwood with criminal conduct in this matter as the officers knew or should have known there was no probable cause to support the charges.
41. The Waterville Police Department and Joseph Massey failed to implement a policy or custom to review the charges brought by its officers to assure probable cause existed before the charged proceeded.
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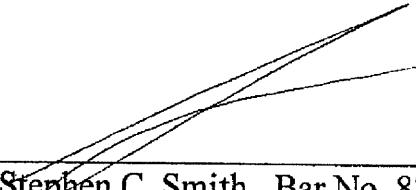
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VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

43. As a result of the above constitutional violations the Plaintiff requests the following relief:

- i. Compensatory damages;
- ii. Punitive damages;
- iii. Attorney fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, and 5 M.R.S. § 4683;
- iv. And all other monetary and equitable relief the Court finds appropriate.

DATED: January 5, 2016


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STATE OF MAINE

SUPERIOR COURT

Kennebec, ss.
Docket No. CV-16-

DISTRICT COURT

Location _____
Docket No. _____

Blake Harwood Plaintiff

v.

SUMMONS

City of Waterville Defendant
One Common Street Address
Waterville, ME 04901

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Date: 1/11/16*Denney J. Bessardon*

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Adam Sirios Defendant
Waterville Police Dept.
10 Colby Street Address
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Date: 1/11/16*George H. Beckards*

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